

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0076] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0076] Fig. 2 describes a routine operation of setting a fastening element according to the invention. In the fastening element 1 according to the invention, held by a holding tool 13, a mandrel 7 is screwed in. With the aid of moving means 19, the fastening element 1 is placed on a first part 8 to be connected to a second part 9. The location of the fastening element 1 relative to the parts 8, 9 is detected with the aid of positioning means 19. The parts 8, 9 are first placed on a die 14, comprising a disposal passage 17 for punched-out parts 18. Then, the fastening element 1, with the aid of the holding tool 13, is so placed on the first part 8 that the shank end 3 of the fastening element 1 contacts the first part. Then, with the aid of a ram 12, a force is exerted on the mandrel 7 so that the shank end 3 is thrust through the parts 8, 9. Meanwhile, in the motion of the ram 12, both the holding tool 13 and a tension ~~tool 15~~ tool 15 are carried along. Punched-out parts 18 drop into the disposal passage 17, where they are disposed of, preferably with the aid of a positive or negative pressure line. Then, the die 14 is removed from the parts 8, 9, so that the shank end, or the protruding deformation segment, as the case may be, is freed. Next, the traction tool 15 pulls the mandrel 7, while the holding tool 13 presses the setting head against the first part 8. The traction deforms the deformation segment 2, whereas the shank end 3 is not plastically deformed. With the aid of force sensors 21, the traction and the punching are monitored, and the motion of the traction and/or holding tool is controlled according to

the data detected by the force sensors 21. Finally, the mandrel 7 can be screwed out of the fastening element 1, or an accessory part can be fastened with it.